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1. WE HAVE SEARCHED POST FILES FOR LETTERS OF APPRECIATION FROM AMCITS FOR ASSISTANCE RENDERED TO THEM IN AFTERMATH OF VIOLENT CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT HERE IN SEPT 1973. UNFORTUNATELY, GIVEN TIME ELAPSED, POST FILES WHICH NORMALLY WOULD CONTAIN SUCH MATERIAL FOR YEAR 1973 HAVE BEEN DESTROYED. NEVERTHELESS, WE HAVE FOUND FOLLOWING LETTERS, EXCERPTS FROM WHICH DEPT MAY WISH TRANSMIT TO GAO FOR INCLUSION IN ANNEX TO SUBJECT REPORT. WHILE FOLLOWING QUOTATIONS CERTAINLY DO NOT EXHAUST LETTERS OF COMMENDATION AND APPRECIATION RECEIVED AT THIS POST, THEY ARE REPRESENTATIVE.

2. EXCERPTED FROM LETTER TO CONSUL PURDY FROM THE REVEREND WILLIAM J. MCINTIRE, M.M., SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE MARYKNOLL FATHERS IN MARYKNOLL, NEW YORK, DATED OCT 1, 1973: QUOTE: MR. PURDY, ALL OF THE MEN HAVE INDICATED THE HARD WORK YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES DID TO GET BROTHER JOE AND FRANK FLYNN RELEASED FROM THEIR CONFINEMENT AT THE ESTADIO NACIONAL, AND THEN TO ARRANGE SAFE-CONDUCT OUT OF THE COUNTRY, TAKING THEM YOURSELF TO THE AIRPORT.

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QUOTE: WE ARE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL TO YOU. OFTENTIMES, I AM

SURE THAT THE WORK OF DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVANTS LIKE YOU, ESPECIALLY WHEN A COUNTRY IS PASSING THROUGH DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES, CAN BE EXHAUSTING, FRUSTRATING, AND THANKLESS -- OR EVEN MISUNDERSTOOD. WE WANT TO SAY SIMPLY: THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU' PLEASE CONTINUE YOUR HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS IN CHILE. END QUOTE

3. EXCERPTED FROM LETTER TO CONSUL PURDY FROM PATRICIA GARRETT-SCHESCH OF MADISON, WISCONSIN, DATED NOV 16, 1973: QUOTE: FINALLY, WE WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE WHAT WE HAVE SAID WITH REGARD TO YOUR ACTIVITIES ON OUR BEHALF. WHILE WE WERE IN WASHINGTON, WE TRIED TO MAKE IT CLEAR WITH THE SENATORS AND THE AIDES WITH WHOM WE SPOKE (PRINCIPALLY KENNEDY, PROXMIER, NELSON AND KASTENMIER IN THE HOUSE) THAT YOU SEEM TO HAVE GONE OUT OF YOUR WAY TO HELP US. END QUOTE

4. LETTER TO DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION FROM JUDITH LEE BOROSCHEK, ACTING HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL NIDO DE AGUILAS, SANTIAGO, CHILE, DATED NOV 28, 1973:

QUOTE: I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU, ALL THE EMBASSY STAFF CONCERNED AND ESPECIALLY CONSUL FRED PURDY FOR HIS ASSISTANCE AFTER MY ARREST ON SEPTEMBER 15. THE VERY FAST ACTION TAKEN BY EVERY ONE BROUGHT ME GREAT RELIEF WHEN I WAS FEELING ESPECIALLY ALARMED.

QUOTE: THE CASE AGAINST ME WAS FINALLY DISMISSED MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, BECAUSE THE CHARGES WERE GROUNDLESS AND IN ERROR.

QUOTE: I WOULD LIKE TO ESPECIALLY MENTION MY APPRECIATION FOR THE WORK OF FRED PURDY. HE WAS AT THE COMISARIA SOON AFTER I WAS ARRESTED; IT TOOK SOME TIME TO FIND OUT WHERE I HAD BEEN TAKEN. ALTHOUGH I HAD NEVER MET HIM BEFORE, HE WAS VERY COMFORTING AND CAREFUL TO EXPLAIN THE IMMEDIATE STEPS THAT HE WOULD TAKE AND THAT WOULD HAPPEN TO ME. AFTER I WAS RELEASED ON BAIL, HE OR HIS STAFF KEPT IN DAILY CONTACT WITH ME, ADVISING ME ABOUT THE NECESSARY TRAMITES. HE WAS ALWAYS WILLING TO ANSWER MY QUESTIONS IN CAREFUL DETAIL EVEN TO THE POINT OF A COUPLE OF TELEPHONE CALLS BY ME TO HIS HOME. I FELT MUCH MORE SECURE IN CHILE BECAUSE OF HIS EFFORTS UNCLASSIFIED

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AND MANNER THAN I WOULD HAVE OTHERWISE UNDER THE TRYING GOLPE CIRCUMSTANCES.

QUOTE: AGAIN, THAN YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE TOTAL SUPPORT I FELT BY THE U.S. MISSION IN CHILE. END QUOTE

5. EXCERPTED FROM LETTER TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY KUBISCH FROM THE REVEREND WILLIAM M. LEWERS, C.S.C., PROVINCIAL SUPERIOR,

CONGREGATION OF HOLY CROSS, SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, DATED
NOV 21, 1973:

QUOTE: MEMBERS OF MY PROVINCE WORKING IN CHILE HAVE TOLD
ME OF THE HELP GIVEN THEM BY MR. PURDY IN THE CASE OF
REVEREND CHARLES WELSCH, C.S.C., WHO WAS DETAINED IN THE
NATIONAL STADIUM FOR SOME DAYS. WE KNOW THAT REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING MR. PURDY, WERE
OF ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING FATHER WELSH'S RELEASE.

QUOTE: IN THE CASE OF ANOTHER HOLY CROSS PRIEST, WHO WAS
BEING ACTIVELY SOUGHT BY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF CHILE,
MR. PURDY ACTIVELY ASSISTED HIM IN HIS EFFORTS TO LEAVE CHILE
AND, IN FACT, MR. PURDY ACCOMPANIED HIM TO THE AIRPORT AND
INSISTED ON REMAINING WITH HIM, FOR HIS PROTECTION, UNTIL
THE PLANE ACTUALLY DEPARTED. THIS PRIEST, WHEN HE RETURNED
TO THE UNITED STATES, CAME IMMEDIATELY TO THE PROVINCIAL
HOUSE, AND ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS HE TOLD ME WAS ABOUT THE
HELP GIVEN TO HIM BY FRED PURDY. THIS PRIEST BELIEVED THEN
AND STILL BELIEVES THAT MR. PURDY WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO
RENDER HIM ASSISTANCE AND TO SECURE THE SAFETY OF HIS DEPARTURE
FROM CHILE. ON BEHALF OF THE INDIANA PROVINCE OF THE CONGRE-
GATION OF HOLY CROSS, I WISH TO EXPRESS OUR GRATEFUL APPRECIATION
FOR THE SERVICES THUS RENDERED TO TWO OF OUR PRIESTS. END QUOTE

6. LETTER TO MR. SYDNEY S. BARON & CO., INC., NEW YORK FROM
PHILIP C. WALSH, VICE PRESIDENT, CERRO CORP., NEW YORK,
DATED NOV 29, 1973:

QUOTE: AS WE DISCUSSED BY TELEPHONE EARLIER THIS WEEK,
FRED PURDY, THE AMERICAN CONSUL IN SANTIAGO, HELPED US
ENORMOUSLY IN GETTING OUT OF CHILE AND I SAW HIM DO THE SAME
FOR ABOUT 20 OTHER AMERICANS. I WAS SO GRATEFUL FOR HIS
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ASSISTANCE AND FOR THAT OF THE ENTIRE EMBASSY THAT I WROTE
TO SECRETARY KISSINGER IN THAT RESPECT AND I MENTIONED PURDY'S
NAME IN PARTICULAR. I ATTACH HERewith COPY OF MY LETTER
OF SEPTEMBER 21ST FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE.

QUOTE: IN MY OPINION THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY AS A WHOLE,
INCLUDING THE CONSULATE, ACTED IN AN EXEMPLARY FASHION IN
THE CRISIS. I KNEW THAT ESSENTIALLY THE FULL STAFF OF MANY
DOZENS OF PEOPLE MADE IT TO THE EMBASSY OFFICE ON SEPTEMBER
11TH, WHEN THE COUP TOOK PLACE, AND THEY MANNED THEIR POSTS
THERE FOR SEVERAL DAYS UNDER CONDITIONS OF HUNGER, COLD,
AND EVEN SOME DANGER. THE NIGHTS WERE COLD AT THAT TIME,
AND THEY SLEPT ON THE FLOORS WITH NOT TOO MANY BLANKETS.
I BELIEVE THEY NEARLY RAN OUT OF FOOD EXCEPT FOR SCANT
RATIONS. A NUMBER OF THE WINDOWS OF THE OFFICES WERE SHOT

OUT BY GUN FIRE. WHEN I TELEPHONED THE EMBASSY ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH, FROM THE SUB-BASEMENT OF THE CARRERA HOTEL, THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES TOLD ME THAT HE WOULD CRAWL ACROSS THE FLOOR OF HIS OFFICE TO GET PAPER AND PENCIL SO HE COULD MAKE NOTES WHILE WE DISCUSSED MY PROBLEM.

QUOTE: THE WHOLE STAFF, INCLUDING FRED PURDY, STAYED ON DUTY IN THESE DIFFICULT CONDITIONS THROUGHOUT THE CRISIS, GIVING WHAT ASSISTANCE THEY COULD TO THE 2,800 AMERICANS IN CHILE. THEIR OFFICES WERE RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET FROM MY ROOM IN THE CARRERA, AND I CAN TELL YOU THAT IT WAS A COMFORT TO SEE THE AMERICAN FLAG FLYING THERE EVERY DAY THROUGHOUT THE TROUBLE.

QUOTE: I WAS SUPPOSED TO BE IN PERU ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH, TO COMMENCE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT, AND I WAS TRYING HARD TO GET OUT OF CHILE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO PICK UP THE REINS OF THOSE NEGOTIATIONS AGAIN. THE BORDER WAS CLOSED TO BOTH INCOMING AND OUTGOING TRAVELERS. BRANIFF, WITH WHOM I STAYED IN CLOSE TOUCH, TOLD ME THAT THE OPENING OF THE BORDER KEPT GETTING PUSHED BACK. BY SEPTEMBER 18TH THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT THE BEST PART OF ANOTHER WEEK BEFORE THEY COULD FLY ANYBODY OUT.

QUOTE: ON SEPTEMBER 17TH OR 18TH I WAS ADVISED BY THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY THAT A UNITED NATIONS GROUP HAD CHARTERED A PLAN TO FLY TO BUENOS AIRES AND, IF I COULD GET A SAFE-
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CONDUCT, THERE MIGHT BE ROOM ON THE PLANE FOR ME.

QUOTE: ON SEPTEMBER 18TH I WAS ADVISED THAT THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTERED PLANE COULD HOLD ONLY 6 AMERICANS, AND THAT THERE WERE HARDSHIP CASAS (ILL PEOPLE, ETC.), SO I FORGOT ABOUT IT. THEN, AT 2:00 AM ON SEPTEMBER 19TH, PURDY WOKE ME WITH A PHONE CALL FROM THE CONSULATE TO SAY THAT IF I COULD GET TO THE SAN CRISTOBAL HOTEL BY 7:30 AM, THERE WAS SPACE ON THE UNITED NATIONS PLANE FOR ME TO FLY THAT MORNING, THEY HAD SOME TWENTY SEATS. I SAID I WOULD BE THERE.

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QUOTE: CURFEW ENDED AT 7:00 AM, SO I COULD NOT LEAVE THE HOTEL BEFORE THEN. NOR COULD I GET A TAXI TO PICK ME UP; THINGS WERE CHAOTIC, THERE WAS NO GASOLINE, THE CURFEW, ETC. SO, AT 7:05 AM I CALLED PURDY'S OFFICE AND I GOT HIM HIMSELF. HE SAID THAT THERE WERE TWO EMBASSY TRUCK-STATION WAGONS LEAVING FOR THE SAN CRISTOBAL HOTEL IN A FEW MINUTES AND I COULD GET A RIDE. THAT IS HOW I GOT TO THE SAN CRISTOBAL. I BELIEVE PURDY HAD BEEN UP ALL NIGHT TRYING TO HELP AMERICANS IN THIS WAY.

QUOTE: AT THE SAN CRISTOBAL THERE WERE ABOUT 70 PEOPLE, INCLUDING 50 UNITED NATIONS PEOPLE WHO HAD A BUS TO GO TO THE AIRPORT, AND ABOUT 20 AMERICANS. THIS AMERICAN GROUP INCLUDED ABOUT 10 TEENAGERS AND PEOPLE IN THEIR EARLY 20'S WHO WERE WITH AN AAU SWIM TEAM, TWO OR THREE SMALL FAMILIES WITH ONE PROBLEM OR ANOTHER, THE TIME-LIFE CORRESPONDENT FROM BUENOS AIRES, AND US. WE WERE CAREFULLY SHEPHERDED BY TWO AMERICAN VICE CONSULS, WHO KEPT US ALL IN A GROUP AND WHO TOLD US THAT FRED PURDY WAS IN DOWNTOWN SANTIAGO ON THE IMPORTANT MISSION OF TRYING TO SECURE SAFE-CONDUCTS FOR US TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY. THE UNITED NATIONS PEOPLE HAD THESE BUT WE DID NOT. THERE WAS NO ASSURANCE THAT WE WOULD GET THEM.

QUOTE: AFTER A WHILE, THE TWO VICE CONSULS SHEPHERDED US INTO THE TWO TRUCK-STATION WAGONS WITH OUR LUGGAGE, WITH ONE VICE CONSUL IN EACH TRUCK, AND WE DROVE TO THE AIRPORT. THERE THE TWO VICE CONSULS TOOK US INTO THE LADECO WAITING ROOM, WHERE THE UNITED NATIONS PEOPLE WERE CLEARING AND LOADING THE
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AIRPLANE. WE STILL DID NOT HAVE OUR SAFE-CONDUCTS AND IT LOOKED AS THOUGH THE PLANE WAS GOING TO LEAVE WITHOUT US.

QUOTE: FINALLY, AT ABOUT 10:30 AM FRED PURDY SHOWED UP, LOOKING AS THOUGH HE HAD BEEN IN A BATTLE, WITH THE SAFE-CONDUCTS CLUTCHED IN HIS HAND. HE HAD ADMINISTERED THEM OUT

OF THE CHILEAN AUTHORITIES IN THE BOMBED-OUT MONEDA DOWNTOWN, AGAINST THE SUBSTANTIAL OBSTACLE THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD NOT RECOGNIZED THE NEW CHILEAN GOVERNMENT, AND THEREFORE HE HAD NO OFFICIAL STATUS BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT.

QUOTE: PURDY AND HIS TWO VICE CONSULS THEN WATCHED OVER US WHILE WE WERE CLEARED IN EXHAUSTIVE DETAIL BY THE CHILEAN AUTHORITIES, AND WE BOARDED THE PLANE. I SAW THROUGH THE WINDOW OF THE PLANE THAT THEY WAITED ON THE RAMP WHILE OUR ENGINES STARTED, ONLY TO HAVE THE ENGINES STOP AND THE STAIRS WHEELED UP WHILE THE CHILEAN AUTHORITIES CAME ABOARD. WHATEVER THE PROBLEM WAS IT WAS STRAIGHTENED OUT AND THE STAIRS WERE WHEELED AWAY, THE DOORS CLOSED AND THE ENGINES STARTED UP. THIS TIME WE TOOK OFF FOR BUENOS AIRES.

QUOTE: I SAW PURDY AND THE TWO VICE CONSULS STILL WATCHING US AS WE TOOK OFF AT THE TERMINAL.

QUOTE: THE POINT I WISH TO MAKE IS THAT WITHOUT PURDY AND HIS ASSISTANTS WE WOULD HAVE NOT GOTTEN OUT. THERE WERE ARMED TROOPS ALL OVER THE PLACE, BEING FIRED ON BY SNIPERS AND HENCE HIGHLY NERVOUS, AND ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN.

QUOTE: FROM WHAT I PERSONALLY SAW, FRED PURDY AND HIS TEAM CONDUCTED THEMSELVES IN AN EXEMPLARY FASHION, LOOKING AFTER THE INTERESTS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS IN A MANNER BEYOND WHICH I WOULD HAVE EXPECTED. I REALLY THOUGHT HE, IN PARTICULAR, DESERVED COMMENDATION AND GRATITUDE, AND I THOUGHT IN PARTICULAR THIS SHOULD BE SAID SINCE I HAVE READ IN THE PRESS CRITICISM OF HIM. IF YOU CAN INFORM ANY OF YOUR FRIENDS OF MY STORY, I SHALL BE GRATEFUL. END QUOTE

7. EXCERPTED FROM LETTER TO SENATOR JOHN TUNNEY FROM GERALD W. DEAN, PROFESSOR OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS, CALIFORNIA, DATED FEB 4, 1974:
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QUOTE: I CANNOT SPEAK FOR MR. PURDY'S ACTIONS BEYOND MY OWN CASE, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER MY SUPPORT FOR THE ASSISTANCE HE GAVE TO ME AND MY FAMILY IN GETTING US OUT OF CHILE ON THE FIRST UNITED NATIONS PLANE FOLLOWING THE COUP.

QUOTE: THREE DAYS AFTER THE COUP I WAS DIAGNOSED FOR A LIVER TUMOR. MY DOCTOR URGED ME TO LEAVE FOR THE U.S. AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO GET IMMEDIATE MEDICAL TREATMENT SINCE CONDITIONS IN CHILE DID NOT PERMIT ADEQUATE MEDICAL CARE. MY EMPLOYER, THE FORD FOUNDATION, URGENTLY REQUESTED THE U.S. EMBASSY TO MAKE ROOM FOR US ON THE FIRST POSSIBLE PLANE--COMMERCIAL, MILITARY, OR OTHERWISE--LEAVING CHILE. DURING THE FIRST WEEK

OF THE DAYS FOLLOWING THE COUP, THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT PROHIBITED ALL INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENTS TO AND FROM CHILE. MR. PURDY WAS ACTIVE IN HELPING TO ARRANGE FOR A SPECIAL U.N. FLIGHT TO REMOVE U.S. AND OTHER FOREIGNERS FROM CHILE WITH SPECIAL PROBLEMS. THE MILITARY THREW UP ALL KINDS OF ROADBLOCKS TO THE FLIGHT, AND MANAGED TO HAVE IT DELAYED TWO OR THREE DAYS WITH SPECIAL RED TAPE, ETC. DURING THIS PERIOD I KNOW THAT FRED PURDY WENT ALL OUT TO GET THE NECESSARY SPECIAL VISAS, SAFE-CONDUCT PASSES, ETC., REQUIRED FOR ME AND MY FAMILY (AND PROBABLY FOR THE OTHER AMERICANS ON THE FLIGHT AS WELL, THOUGH I CAN'T VOUCH FOR THAT). THIS WAS AN UNDERTAKING WHICH INVOLVED SOME CONSIDERABLE PERSONAL DANGER FOR MR. PURDY, SINCE HE WAS REQUIRED TO CARRY OUT MUCH OF THIS BUSINESS DURING CURFEW HOURS. ALTHOUGH MR. PURDY HAD A SPECIAL SAFE-CONDUCT PASS IT WAS OF UNCERTAIN VALUE SINCE THE CHILEAN MILITARY WERE UNDER ORDER TO SHOOT FIRST AND ASK QUESTIONS LATER.

QUOTE: ON THE BASIS OF MY OWN PERSONAL EXPERIENCE, ADMITTEDLY LIMITED TO THE FIRST TEN DAYS FOLLOWING THE COUP, I WOULD SAY THAT FRED PURDY ACTED WITH EFFICIENCY AND COURAGE IN HELPING U.S. CITIZENS FACED WITH A DANGEROUS AND UNPRECEDENTED SITUATION IN CHILE. END QUOTE

8. (THE FOLLOWING ITEM DEALS WITH EVENTS WHICH OCCURRED MORE THAN A YEAR AFTER THOSE DEALT WITH IN THE CORRESPONDENCE CITED ABOVE. IT IS INCLUDED BECAUSE THE GAO REPORT MAKES REFERENCE TO THIS PROTECTION EFFORT.) EXCERPTED FROM LETTER UNCLASSIFIED

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TO SENATOR ADLAI STEVENSON FROM JAMES CONGER, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, DATED OCT 31, 1974:

QUOTE: CONTRARY TO WHAT IS PROBABLY THE GENERAL TENOR OF CORRESPONDENCE FROM YOUR CONSTITUENTS RELATING TO THEIR EXPERIENCE WITH OR TREATMENT BY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, I WOULD LIKE TO SOUND A NOTE OF PRAISE FOR AND GRATITUDE TO THE STAFF OF THE UNITED STATES CONSULATE IN SANTIAGO, CHILE AND PARTICULARLY FOR MR. FRED PURDY, WHO IS THE CONSUL.

QUOTE: FOR THE PAST TWO AND A HALF YEARS MY DAUGHTER, AMY CONGER O'FLAHERTY (31), HAS LIVED IN SANTIAGO AND HAS BEEN A FULL PROFESSOR (HOSTIRY OF ART) IN THE UNIVERSITY. FOLLOWING THE COUP LAST YEAR SHE WAS SEVERAL TIMES BROUGHT IN FOR THE INTERROGATION BY THE MILITARY, OF WHICH SHE KEPT THE CONSULATE ADVISED. DURING THE NIGHT OF OCTOBER 11TH, SHE WAS ARRESTED BY OFFICERS OF THE CHILEAN AIR FORCE, HANDCUFFED AND TAKEN TO THE WAR ACADEMY WHERE SHE WAS LODGED, ALONG WITH ABOUT EIGHTY OTHER DETAINEES, IN A BASEMENT HALL.

QUOTE: ABOUT MIDNIGHT OF OCTOBER 21ST, THROUGH A ROUNDABOUT ROUTE, I WAS ALERTED THAT SHE WAS BEING HELD. ON THE 22ND I CALLED THE UNITED STATES CONSULATE IN SANTIAGO. THEY HAD HEARD NOTHING OF THIS DETENTION BUT IMMEDIATELY GOT TO WORK ON THE CASE. THAT AFTERNOON I HAD A CALL BACK FROM MR. PURDY. HE HAD VERIFIED THAT SHE HAD BEEN TAKEN FROM HER APARTMENT ABOUT TEN DAYS BEFORE, AND UNDERTOOK TO FOLLOW UP. APPARENTLY HE DID, BECAUSE SHE WAS ABLE TO CALL ME FROM THE CONSULATE THE FOLLOWING EVENING. FROM THE MOMENT OF HER RELEASE TO THE MOMENT OF HER DEPARTURE FROM CHILE SHE WAS ESCORTED OR SHELTERED, DAY AND NIGHT, BY SOME MEMBER OF THE CONSULATE STAFF.

QUOTE: THANK GOD FOR MEN LIKE MR. PURDY AND THE UNITED STATES CONSULAR STAFF IN SANTIAGO. END QUOTE.
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